

Tick Identification and Submission Form For Veterinarians (2021)



Important: This form is to be used by veterinary practices for identification of tick species. Tick identification will be conducted by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Zoonotic Disease Program. This service is only for surveillance purposes, NOT for diagnostic purposes.

Please provide the following information regarding your tick submission.

Name of veterinary practice _____ Name of veterinarian _____ Vet office phone number _____

Date of collection _____ Name of animal with tick _____ Animal species _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Breed _____

Home county of animal _____ Home zip code of animal _____ County where tick was found on animal _____

Has this animal traveled outside of its home county in the past two weeks? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Travel Start Date _____ Travel End Date _____ City, County and State of Travel _____

Was a SNAP 4DX Plus test done for this animal within the past six months? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

If No, was a SNAP test offered after tick noted on patient? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know

SNAP 4DX test result(s): ☐ *A. phagocytophilum/platy* ☐ *B. burgdorferi* ☐ *E. canis/ewingii* ☐ No tickborne pathogens

Is this animal on tick prevention? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Don't know ☐ Started at visit

If yes, specify: _____

Comments: _____

(For state health office use only)

Species	ID number	Desiccated/ Damaged?	Engorged	# of females	# of males	# of nymphs	# of larvae	Total

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Submission Instructions

1. Place dead tick in a water-tight container (e.g. ziplock bag) with a paper towel or cotton ball doused with alcohol to prevent desiccation. An alcohol pad will also suffice.
2. Make sure that the container/zip-log bag is sealed to prevent leakage.
3. If a lot of ticks are removed from a single animal host, please consider shipping specimens to us in multiple envelopes/containers to prevent specimen damage and leakage.
4. Fill out specimen submission form (above) for each submission and attach with specimen(s)
5. Cut and keep these instructions.
6. Package specimen(s) and the submission form(s) well to avoid damage during shipment.
7. Use postage paid envelopes provided for specimens that are shipped in zip-lock bags. For specimens shipped in larger containers, please mail them to:



Zoonotic Disease Program Tick Surveillance

C/O Eric Dotseth

Office of Laboratory Services

167 11th Avenue

South Charleston, West Virginia, 25303

Thank you for your submission. Please check our website for results.

For more information about tickborne disease surveillance in West Virginia or if additional envelopes are needed, please contact the Zoonotic Disease Program at (304) 558-5358 ext. 1 or WVZDProgram@wv.gov. Additional information about ticks and tickborne disease can be found at www.cdc.gov or at our website at <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/disease/Zoonosis/Tick/Pages/default.aspx>.